Horfield Urban District Council.

This District was added to Bristol under the Bristol Corporation Act of 1904; and statistics deal only with the first nine months. Estimated population 2085.

Births - 53 births were registered (32 boys & 21 girls); representing on the estimated population a birth-rate of 31.65 per thousand per annum.

Deaths - 13 deaths were registered, giving a mortality-rate of 8.16 per thousand per annum.

They occurred at the following ages -

5 died under 1 year
1 " between 1 & 5 years
1 " " 5 & 15 "
5 " " 25 & 65 "
1 " at age of 65 years & upwards.

Zymotic disease -

Two cases of Diphtheria
Two " " Scarlet Fever
One case " Erysipelas

have been notified.

The Diphtheria cases occurred in the same house and presumably arose from contact. The first case assumed a very virulent form and ended fatally after an illness of two days duration. The second case appeared twenty two days after the onset of the first case and was of a mild type; so mild in fact that it had probably existed for some days before a Rhinitis attracted attention, and led to its discovery by a bacteriological examination. This child was removed to one of the Bristol Hospitals and was discharged cured, but it is interesting to note that the child died quite suddenly from Syncope

63 days after notification, due presumably to some Neuritis of the Vagus Nerve.

The other cases of infectious disease call for no comment. One death occurred from Phthisis – a woman 37 years of age: the rooms of the house occupied by the sufferer were disinfected after burial. This case was frequently visited to see that proper precautions in the disposal of phlegm were observed, and a sputum flask and disinfectant solution for use in the same were supplied.

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